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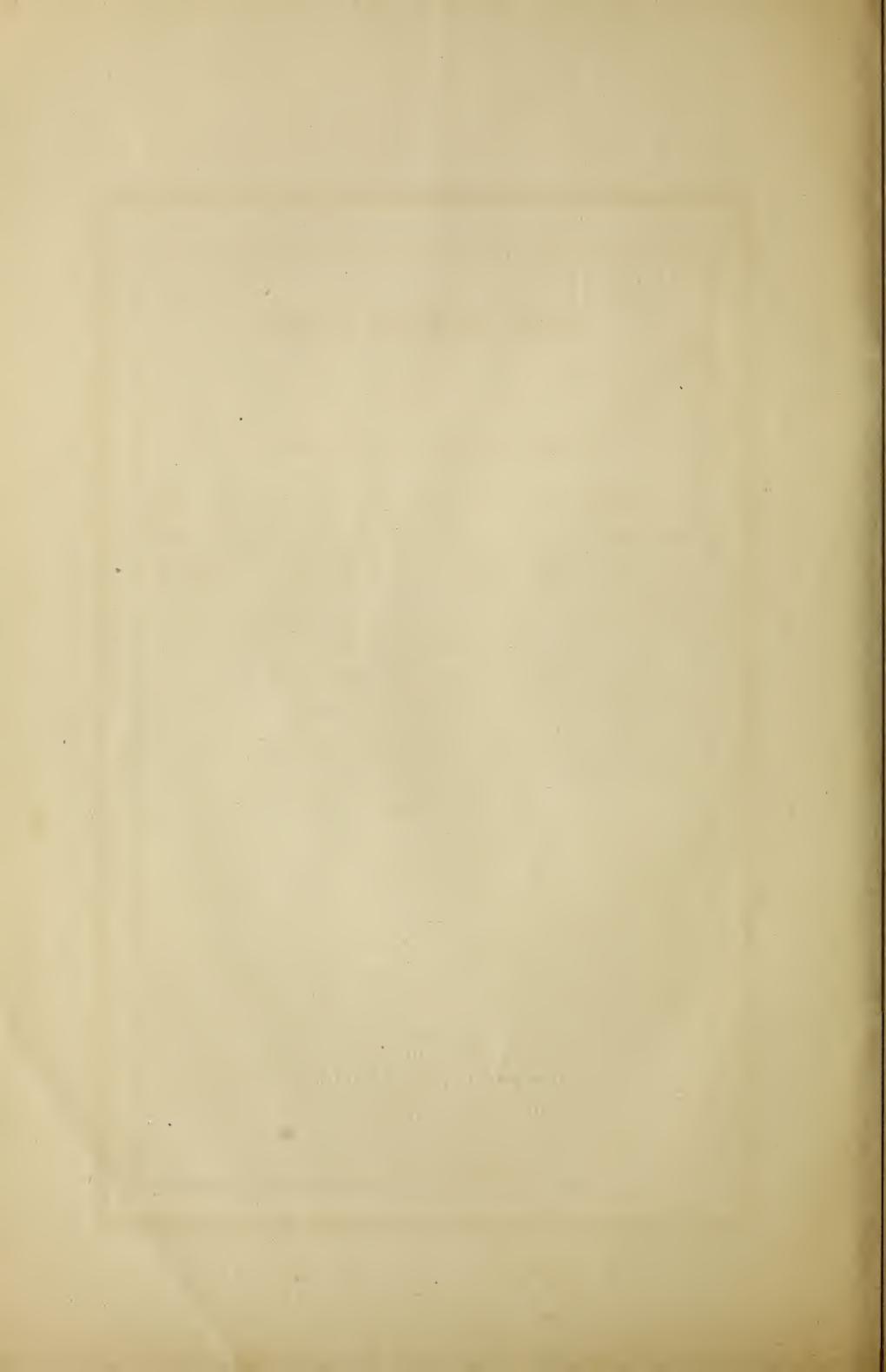
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Introductory Sermon to be Preached by
REV. LULA WARDLOW
Montgomery, Louisiana



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OUR SAINTED DEAD

“These All Died in the Faith”

“Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth. Yea, saith the spirit, they may rest from their labors; and their works to follow them.”

David Allen Boddie

James Benjamin Landers

Calvin Sidney Morrison

Josiah T. Humphreys

Oliver R. Hearne

B. W. Taylor

James P. Patton

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MINISTERIAL ROLL

Note—Figures on the left indicate year of admission into the Conference.

Year	Name	Address
1881	Platt, W. M.	Monroe, La.
1897	Smart, P. A.	Chatam, La.
1897	Fowler, W. P.	Oak Grove, La.
1897	Hearne, E. O.	Chatam, La.
1897	Brown, G. J. L.	Ball, La.
1897	Hearne, J. F.	Chatam, La.
1901	Bartlett, M. E.	Atlanta, Texas
1902	Owen, J. M.	Emerson, Ark.
1903	Show, F. Lyman	Grayson, La.
1903	Reid, J. F.	Winnfield, La.
1903	Terry, J. W.	Downsville, La.
1903	Dunn, W. S.	Glenella, La.
1904	Perdue, Mary E.	Atlanta, Texas
1905	Mouser, Enock M.	Grayson, La.
1906	Lewis, J. W.	Winnfield, La.
1907	Holt, J. A.	Atlanta, Texas
1909	Ezell, A. T.	Gilbert, La.
1909	Little, J. C.	Atlanta, Texas
1910	Lee, J. W.	Grayson, La.
1910	Downs, J. R.	West Monroe, La.
1911	Dennard, E. A.	Gibbsland, La.
1912	Griffin, B. F.	Queen City, Texas
1912	Wardlow, Lula	Montgomery, La.
1912	Corley, E. W.	Arcadia, La.
1912	Brady, Sarah E.	Monroe, La.
1913	Riley, J. A.	Trout, La.
1915	Futrell, F. C.	
1916	Harris, W. W.	Fouke, Ark.
1917	Strozier, James R.	Chatham, La.
1917	Cherry, H. A.	Louann, Ark.
1921	Yeager, Ira L.	Monroe, La.
1921	Stennett, J. B.	Delhi, La.
1923	Williams, Stephen B.	Monroe, La.
1924	Williams, J. A. D.	Jefferson, Texas
1917	Strozier, John M.	Jena, La.
1915	Cantley, H. H.	Plain Dealing, La.
1920	Ragsdale, W. F.	Simsboro, La.
1924	Walker, Richard M.	Goldona, La.

UNDERGRADUATES

Third Year

1921	McVey, G. A.	Ball, La.
1923	Taylor, Bessie	Olla, La.
		Second Year
1924	Kendrick, J. A.	Jena, La.
		First Year
1923	Riley, Ocie	Winnfield, La.
		Honory Member
	Paul, Mrs. L. M.	Jena, La.

Superannuated Ministers

W. M. Platt	Monroe, La.
J. W. Terry	Downsville, La.

LAY REPRESENTATIVES

Monroe Station.....	E. K. Reeves
Grayson Circuit.....	J. W. McKeithen
Jonesboro Circuit.....	W. W. McDonald Jr.
Chatam Circuit.....	C. E. Hearne
Pleasant Hill Circuit.....	J. J. Lewis
Pollock Circuit.....	Mrs. T. O. Hart
Hicks Circuit.....	J. T. Montgomery
Evergreen Circuit.....	C. H. Rushing
Antioch Circuit.....	J. F. Lolley
Arcadia Circuit.....	M. E. Camp
Bealah Circuit.....	Morris Jones
Sandis.....	
Strickland Circuit.....	Miss Martha Jane O'Neal
Ansley Circuit.....	R. E. Crow
Uraria.....	D. W. Streetman
Jena.....	H. D. McCollum
Luna.....	J. M. Head
Queen City.....	M. W. Griffin
Rice Circuit.....	Edd Thompson
West Carroll.....	A. R. Campbell
Oil City.....	Frank Fruge
Shiloh.....	Clement Humphries
Roberts.....	Ben Branch
Sunrise.....	
Mt. Nebo.....	T. C. Crawford

Welcome Home.....Mrs. R. P. Warren

APPOINTIVE COMMITTEE

Pastor's Report	Rules of Order	Periodicals
G. J. L. Brown	B. F. Griffin	J. A. Riley
W. W. McDonald, Jr.	E. K. Reeves	W. W. Harris
J. T. Montgomery	Norris Jones	T. C. Crawford
Thanks	Official Character	Missions
Miss Ocie Riley	E. W. Corley	F. Lyman Shows
J. R. Downs	H. A. Cherry	M. W. Griffin
Mrs. T. O. Hart	A. R. Campbell	J. R. Strozier
Finance	Education	Grievance
W. W. McDonald	P. A. Smart	R. M. Walker
M. E. Camp	I. L. Yeager	R. F. Crow
E. A. Dennard	J. W. McKeithen	J. W. McKeithen
Appeals	Committee on Iterancy and Orders	Board of Young People's Work
C. H. Rushing	Stephen B. Williams	Mrs. Lula Wardlow
T. C. Crawford	Mrs. Lula Wardlow	J. R. Strozier
Ben Branch	J. W. Lee	C. W. Stewart

DAILY PROCEEDINGS

First Day

The Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church assembled for the Seventy-Ninth session at Monroe, La., Oct. 30th, at 10 o'clock.

After singing that wonderful song, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" special prayer was offered for the healing of Mrs. Myrtle Beasley, a member of our church who was very critically ill.

The President reading the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians as the Scripture lesson, after which following another season prayer, he declared that the 79th session of the Louisiana Conference open for business.

The Secretary called the roll, after which Dr. Stephen B. Williams addressed the Conference with a few fitting remarks, extending cordial greetings to all.

Upon motion the conference bar was fixed to include the first six rows of pews.

It was moved and carried that Mrs. Florence The-

opholls, formerly our missionary to India, be granted a letter of standing.

Rev. J. W. Lee was called to the chair, the President submitted his annual report. An amendment was offered by Rev. Stephen B. Williams which was lost and upon motion the report was adopted.

Committee on Itenerancy and orders submitted a preliminary report. An amendment was offered by Mrs. Mary Perdue, which was lost and upon motion the report was adopted.

The order of the day having arrived the Conference adjourned for the opening sermon which was delivered by Rev. E. O. Hearn. At the close of the sermon four men were ordained.

Afternoon Session

Conference re-assembeld at 1:30 P. M.

Devotionals by Rev. Ira L. Yeager. Secretary read a letter from Dr. T. H. Lewis, President of the General Conference and upon motion the suggestions in his letter were adopted.

The President submitted a verbal report, concerning Rev. J. C. Little, which was adopted.

Upon motion, Saturday at 2 P. M. was the time fixed for Dr. Stephenson, Secretary of Education, to address the conference.

Upon motion, the President appointed a commtitee on grievance.

Rev. J. F. Reid submitted his report which was adopted.

The order of the day having arrived the Conference entered into the election of officers. The chair appointed W. W. McDonald, Jr. W. W. Harris and Ira L. Yeager, tellers of the election.

The ballots were cast and the result declared as follows.

First Ballot For President

G. J. L. Brown.....	18 Votes
E. M. Mouser.....	17 Votes

E. O. Hearn.....	17 Votes
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Total numebr of votes cast, 52—No election.

Rev. E. M. Mouser withdrew in favor of E. O. Hearn.

After a few timely remarks, Rev. G. J. L. Brown withdrew from the race

Upon motion of Dr. Stephen B. Williams, the Secretary was instructed to cast the deciding vote, making the election unanimous in favor of Rev. E. O. Hearn as President.

It was moved and carried that the President cast the Conference ballot in favor of Mrs. Mary E. Perdue as Secretary. Opposition was offered by Sister Perdue, but the vote was taken and she was elected.

Conference Treasurer

First Ballot, No Election.

Second Ballot, W. W. McDnoald 28.

J. W. McKeithen 22.

Upon motion the Secretary was instructed to cast the Conference ballot, making the vote unanimous for W. W. McDonald for Conference Treasurer.

Upon motion the Board of Church Extension were elected as was also the Standing District Committee.

It was moved and carried that it should not be obligatory upon the President to visit the charges more than one time during the year and that his salary be paid quarterly.

Upon motion Rev. F. Lyman Shows was elected Statistical Secretary.

It was moved and carried that the next annual session convene at Dry Prong, La., and the time was fixed Friday before the 1st Sunday in November.

Rev. Lula Wardlow was elected to preach the opening sermon.

Upon motion the Conference adjourned to meet for a short session immediately after the preaching hour.

Friday evening the pulpit was filled by Rev. G. J. L. Brown, pastor of Bealah church.

Night Session

Conference called to order by the President.

Secretary read the names of the appointive committee.

Motion to adjourn.

MORNING SESSION 2ND DAY

Conference called to order by the President.

The Roll was called. The Secretary was instructed to remove from the list of conference members the names of all those who had accepted work in other denominations.

Minutes read and approved.

Conference Treasurer submitted partial report which was adopted.

Committee on Itenerancy and Orders submitted final report which was adopted.

Upon motion O. W. Stewart was re-admitted into the Conference.

The Secretary read the letter from Mrs. M. E. Bartlett and upon motion the same was ordered to be printed in the minutes.

Committee on Periodicals submitted report which was adopted.

At this time Dr. Stephenson and Dr. Phipps were introduced to the Conference as was also Profs. Camp and Paul and upon motion the time was fixed for them to address the Conference.

The resolution presented by Dr. Stephen B. Williams was adopted.

J. T. Hearn, H. H. Cantley and J. M. Owen submitted verbal reports which were adopted.

Upon motion the reports of J. W. Terry and J. A. Riley were adopted.

Motion to adjourn.

The pulpit was filled Saturday morning by Rev. M. Walker.

Afternoon Session

Second Day

Conference re-assembled at 1:30 P. M., with Rev. F. Lyman Shows presiding.

Devotionals by Rev. H. A. Cherry.

The hour of the day having arrived Dr. Stephenson, Dr. Phipps and Prof. Camp addressed the Conference upon the various interest which they represented.

Upon motion the special points of law emphasized in the letter written by Dr. T. H. Lewis to the committee on Itenerancy and Orders were ordered printed in the Conference Journal.

Committee on Pastor's report submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion the Conference Treasurer was instruct-

ed to send check for \$6.00 to Mr. Staley account, Dr. Lewis sermon

Upon motion 3:30 P. M. Sunday was the hour set for the memorial service for Rev. A. G. Austin deceased.

Upon the motion F. Lyman Shows and B. F. Griffin were granted leave of absence.

Upon motion Rev. J. W. Terry was granted Superannuated relationship. Committee on thanks submitted report which was adopted.

Rev. J. R. Downs, Rescue Missionary, submitted report which was adopted.

Upon motion Rev. Mary Bartlett was granted an Evangelistic relationship as was also J. A. Riley, H. A. Cherry and W. F. Ragsdale.

The Board of Church Extension submitted report which was adopted

Upon motion J. F. Reid, J. A. Holt, H. H. Cantley, E. A. Dennard, J. H. Lewis and O. W. Stewart were granted Missionary appointments.

Committee on By-Laws and Rules of Order, no report.

The President appointed the same committee on Itenerancy and Orders with Dr. Stephen B. Williams Chairman Committee on Official Character, no report.

Upon motion Rev. J. W. Lee and W. W. McDonald, Jr. were elected delegates to attend the joint session of Boards which will convene at Atlantic City, N. J., May 1926. Rev. Mary Perdue and J. W. McKeithen were elected alternates.

Upon motion Rev. Lula Wardlow, O. W. Stewart and J. R. Strozier were elected to serve on the Board of Young People's Work.

Motion to adjourn.

Night Session

Conference called to order by the President.

Upon motion the Finance Committee were granted more time to complete their report with the understanding that the report be sent to the Conference Secretary when completed.

Statistical Secretary submitted report which was adopted.

Stationing committee submitted report which was adopted.

Committee on Appeals submitted report, recommending that Rev. J. M. Owen be released from Pollock circuit.
Motion to adjourn.

Special Services Sunday

The pulpit was filled to the delight of all present, morning and evening by Dr. Stephenson, Secretary of Education.

Rev. W. M. Platt, one of our honored ministers conducted the Memorial Services Sunday afternoon which was held in memory of Rev. A. G. Austin, deceased.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

October 30th, 1925

To the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Louisiana Annual Conference, now convened with the Monroe Church, Monroe, Louisiana.

GREETINGS:

We come with thankful hearts to Almighty God, for the great blessings bestowed upon us, the Conference year now closing. At the beginning of the Conference year the outlook for a successful year was doubtful and in a financial way we had nine gloomy months, but God was gracious to us and we were blessed far above our expectations. For this we give thanks to our Heavenly Father for the great blessings bestowed.

The spiritual condition of our people has shown marked increase throughout the year, and there has been many conversions and a goodly number added to the churches.

Our people are ready to go forward along all lines leading in the right direction, willing to do all that they are able to do, our people are not stingy and unwilling to give to the great cause of the church but they desire service well rendered and money spent in the right direction. I trust that we, the ministry of the church have caught the vision of our people and that we will march side by side with them in this great new day of opportunity.

Amid all the joys, sorrows, successes and failures of the year now closing our ranks have only been broken but once. In the early part of the spring our Gracious Father took from us our dear Brother A. G. Austin, but his suffering had been so great and he was so lonely that he pray-

ed to go, and was happy to take his departure for a better world than ours.

Improvements on Following Charges

1st. Grayson has bought a larger and better parsonage. Kelly church debt has been decreased more than one half and they will no doubt soon have the church there free from debt and ready to dedicate.

2nd. New Hope church on Jonesboro circuit has torn down the old building and now erecting a new building on the same site. When finished it will be a nice church for our people here. Jonesboro church has taken on a new life.

3rd. On Ansley charge at Dry Prong, a new church is now being erected which will be a credit to their community.

4th. I have been informed that preparations have been made to erect a nice tabernacle on Hicks Circuit at Mt. Zion church.

5th. On Strickland circuit a great revival has swept to all churches and the church at Ball is undergoing repairs and now has three coats of paint making it a real nice building, money is in the treasury to repair and enlarge our parsonage at Ball and the Pastor built with his own hands a nice new garage.

6th. Some real progress has been made on the Evergreen circuit and a splendid congregation organized at Summerseat. Bro. Walker and his people are very happy over the outlook for the future.

7th. On Queen City Circuit, at Springdale, Terry's Chapel has been repaired so that it has the appearance of a new church, and there is a great new life among our people there.

8th. Jena church has made some progress and the outlook for Jena is brighter.

Other churches over the district plan to do some real work of improvement for another year. If we will all live like St. Paul told us to live, in his writing in the 13th Chapter of St. Corinthians, we would go forward at a rapid pace and all would be happy.

Official Acts

1st. Relieved Rev. J. T. Parsons from Strickland

Circuit also granting letter of standing, November 16th, 1924.

2nd. I received J. A. D. Williams letter of standing with request to again unite with us Nov. 1st, 1924. I recommend that he be received into our ranks again.

3rd. On December the 12th I appointed Rev. I. L. Yeager as pastor of the Chatam charge, the two churches unanimously agreeing to the appointment.

14th. On December the 25th. by request of the four churches I appointed Rev. J. A. McVey pastor of the Strickland circuit.

5th. On January the 1st, by request of the entire church of Antioch, I appointed Rev. G. J. L. Brown pastor.

6th. On January the 13th, I granted a letter of standing to Rev. J. C. Hearn.

7th. Just before Christmas I received a letter from Rev. I. A. Patton that he was leaving Jonesboro and for me to come and take charge. To the best of my ability, I did so at once.

8th. In the early part of June I appointed Rev. J. H. Lewis pastor of Zoar church, Rev. J. T. Dunn having failed to take up the work there.

9th. During the early part of April, I appointed Rev. J. A. D. Williams as missionary, to do special work in Bosier parish.

10th. In the early part of January, I appointed Sister M. E. Perdue pastor of Jonesboro and Center Point churches. Still having the oversight of Dodson and New Hope on Jonesboro circuit myself, in early part of summer I had Rev. O. W. Stewart go over and take charge of Dodson and New Hope churches.

11th. Some time in March I appointed Rev. G. J. L. Brown pastor of the Lewis Chapel, releasing Sister Brady on account of ill health, releasing her from all churches on that charge.

12th. In April I appointed Sister Brady pastor of Sunrise church, Bro. Patton having moved away from them when he left Jonesboro.

13th. Granted letter of standing to Rev. Dick Moore October the 15th.

14th. Granted letter of standing to Rev. B. Deville October the 17th.

15th. In the early part of the summer, so many of

our people having moved away from Zenoria, and having no hopes of accomplishing anything further for our church I released Sister Perdue from any further obligations, so that she could devote her time to other places.

16th. By request of our aged and dear Brother, J. W. Terry, I recommend that he be placed on the Superannuated list. I ask that prayers may be offered for his health and that we pray that our Heavenly Father may spare him a while longer for his many friends and family.

Some Recommendations

1st. Our people are rapidly moving from the country to the towns and cities, and I trust that every effort shall be put forth by both Laity and Ministry to build in the towns so that we may be able to hold our people as members of the M. P. Church.

2nd. We must give more time to our young people and give them something that will really hold them, if not we shall lose them, for we have taught them their duty to Almighty God and they have some real true and settled convictions about their duty to God and if we do not give them work to do they are going to go where they may serve in a real life of usefulness. By all means Brethren and Sisters let's hold our noble and devoted young people.

3rd. Let me ask you as preachers, to preach at least three times a year on Tithing and Systematic giving, showing the people from the real word of God that it is their duty, and that it will prove life's greatest pleasure.

Conclusion

Permit me to say in conclusion, that this has been a great year in my life, having seen over three hundred kneeling at the alter of prayer and some over three hundred professing faith in Christ, with over eight hundred forward for prayers, and with many of God's people having testified to a greater uplift in their lives.

Allow me to speak in a small way my appreciation of kindness shown us all over the district and for the hearty cooperation given me by most all the churches and people.

I ask for nothing more than an humble place to serve you, my Conference and my Lord.

Praying for a greater and bigger Louisiana Conference.

Respectfully,

E. M. MOUSER, President
Louisiana Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

PASTORS REPORT

We your committee have examined all reports handed to us and find same to be correct as far as we are able to judge.

Respectfully Submitted
W. W. McDONALD, Jr.
G. J. L. BROWN

MISSIONS

We have the commission of our Lord to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

Obeying this command the great Methodist movement was launched, and we are happy to be a part of that great awakening, and since that time our fathers and we have in measure tried to carry that commission into effect, and a marvelous work has been accomplished.

Our opportunities both at home and abroad are great and we have a great advantage over the past years and our responsibilities are much greater now than ever before, and we must enter more heartily into the work of this great new day.

We recommend that first of all our pastors with the President put greater stress on the cause of missions than we ever have done in this generation and that we urge our people to pray to Almighty God to bless us in this great work and that our hearts may be moved upon to give of our means to the support of this work in a greater way than ever before.

We recommend that our pastors preach often on the subject of missions and take special offerings to be applied on the support of both home and foreign fields.

As all South Louisiana has never been touched by our church and there being a great opportunity for us in that section of the state.

We recommend that the Church Extension Board of our Conference take some definite action, looking forward to the establishing our church in the needy field.

F. LYMAN SHOWS
JAMES R. STROZIER
M. W. GRIFFIN

APPOINTMENTS

Monroe Station.....	Unsupplied
Grayson Circuit.....	F. Lyman Shows.
Grayson	
Kelly	
Jonesboro Circuit.....	E. M. Mouser
Jonesboro	
Center Point	
Dodson	
New Hope	
Chatam Circuit.....	Ira L. Yeager
Chatam	
Concord	
Antioch Circuit.....	J. F. Hearn
Antioch	
Pleasant Hill Circuit.....	Unsupplied
Pleasant Hill	
Couley	
Damascus	
Bentley Circuit.....	J. M. Owen
Pollock	
Bentley	
Ursury's Chapel	
Luna.....	Ira L. Yeager
Queen City Circuit.....	B. F. Griffin
Courtland	
Knight's Bluff	
Terry's Chapel	
Boyten Lane	
Ansley Circuit.....	J. W. Lee
Ansley	
Dry Prong	
West Carroll.....	J. W. Lee
Campbell's School House	
Stout's View	
Welcome Home.....	Miss Ocie Riley

Shiloh	Miss Bessie Taylor
Winnsboro.....	Mrs. S. A. Brady
Mt. Nebo Circuit.....	Uusupplied
Mt. Nebo	
Bethel	
Urания.....	Mrs. M. E. Perdue
Arcadia Circuit.....	E. W. Corley
Bethlehem	
Cross Roads	
Liberty Valley	
Spring Hill	
Sardis	
Rice Circuit.....	J. R. Strozier
Walnut Grove	
Mt. Pleanant	
Pine Grove	
Zoar	
Oil City.....	Mrs. M E.. Perdue
Ferry Lake	
Belah Circuit.....	G. J. L. Brown
Belah	
Taylor's Chapel	
Jena	
Lewis Chapel	
McVey's Chapel	
Hick's Circuit.....	Mrs.. Lula Wardlow
Mt. Zion	
Evergreen Circuit.....	R. M. Walker
Evergreen	
Antioch	
Heflin	
Cold Water	
Summerseat	
Strickland Circuit.....	J. A. McVey
Barron's Chapel	
Clear Creek	
Ball	
Bethel	

Spring Hill Circuit.....	Unsupplied
Spring Hill	
Hollin's Chapel	
Beulah	
Pount Coupee Mission.....	F. Lyman Shows
Fordoche	
Robert's Mission.....	W. W. Harris
Sunrise	Unsupplied
Colfox	Unsupplied

DECLARED EXTINCT

Rocky Mount Parsonage
Winnfield Church

WITHOUT APPOINTMENT

A. T. Ezell	Stephen B. Williams
J. C. Little	J. B. Stenett
J. A. D. Williams	J. A. Kendrick
F. C. Futrell	

FINANCE

We recommend that the President's salary be fixed at \$1500.00 and that the same shall be apportioned as follows to the different charges according to their ability.

2nd. We recommend that our annual and general Conference budget be fixed at \$2,000.00 apportioned as follows:

50 per cent General Conference Fund.
10 per cent Church Extension
10 per cent Conference Fund
10 per cent Conference Secretary
10 per cent Printing Conference Journals
5 per cent Superannuate Fund
5 per cent Conference Treasurer.

W. W. McDONALD
E. A. DENNARD
M. E. CAMP

APPORTIONMENTS

Place	Pres. Salary	Budget
Monroe	\$125.00	\$165.00
Grayson	125.00	165.00
Jonesboro	125.00	165.00
Chatam	70.00	95.00
Pleasant Hill	50.00	65.00
Bentley	50.00	65.00
Hicks	40.00	65.00
Evergreen	90.00	120.00
Antioch	50.00	65.00
Arcadia	85.00	120.00
Belah	65.00	85.00
Sardis	20.00	20.00
Strickland	50.00	75.00
Ansley	110.00	145.00
Urania	40.00	35.00
Queen City	90.00	120.00
Luna	10.00	15.00
Rice	85.00	110.00
West Carroll	45.00	60.00
Oil City	10.00	15.00
Shiloh	10.00	15.00
Roberts	10.00	15.00
Welcome Home	10.00	15.00
Mt. Nebo	10.00	25.00

Respectfully Submitted
W. W. McDONALD
E. A. DENNARD
M. E. CAMP.

Report of Financial Agent of the Home of The Good
Samaritan

Besides caring for 27 girls and 16 babies, we offer
the following report:

Collected during the year.....	\$2,500.00
On hand beginning of year.....	500.00
Inmates in home at present.....	15

Respectfully Submitted
J. R. DOWNS
Rescue Missionary

FINANCIAL

Conference Treasurer

General Conference Fund.....	\$197.75
Check to H. B. Staley.....	468.63
Annual Conference Claim.....	468.63
Check to Church Extension.....	187.45
Conference Fund.....	187.45
Check to Conference Secretary.....	46.87
Superannuates	
W. M. Platt.....	23.43
J. W. Terry.....	23.43

	\$666.38
Received from Conference Fund 1924.....	\$ 66.06
E. M. Mouser, Exp. to Pres. Council.....	\$ 23.00
Balance on Journals 1924.....	9.35
To H. B. Staley, Make it Plain.....	6.00
By Conference Claim.....	187.45
Balance on Hand.....	215.16
	W. W. McDONALD

CHURCH EXTENSION

The Board of Church Extensions report following as our activities for the year ending:

Bro. Shows having some knowledge of Louisiana, we sent him, accompanied by Dr. Williams, to look over the field. We believe we have located a real Mission Field.

We have cared for the property at Atlanta, which is in jeopardy, also the parsonage at Rocky Mount.

We have disposed of the Winfield church and have loaned the tent to every community that we could.

We have supplied the church at Colfax in an affort to save that appointment for the church.

On Hand at Beginning.....	\$ 82.00
Received for Tent.....	\$ 12.60

	\$ 94.60

Disbursements

To F. Lyman Shows, Colfax Church.....	\$ 34.00
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Expenses to South Louisiana.....	\$ 11.00

	\$ 45.00
Received from W. W. McDonald.....	\$187.45
In Treasury.....	49.60

Balance on Hand.....	\$237.05
	J. W. LEE
	Sec.-Treas.

EDUCATION

We, your committee submit the following report:

WHEREAS—We see that in order to keep abreast with other institutions, we must have an educated ministry.

We realize that an uneducated preacher can no longer draw the young people away from the places of sin and vice, where education and wisdom are displayed in such an evil way as to allure the minds of our young away from truth and right.

We also see that people are preparing themselves for all legitimate occupations by educating themselves in a special way for the work, why not we, as a church, see that our preachers be educated and be prepared to defend the only source of happiness.

We therefore recommend that we do all in our power to set up a standard of education among our preachers that will enable them to combat against the modern evils and to encourage a reverence for God.

We therefore recommend that our people patronize some of our religious schools and we know of no better than the Westminster College, located at Tehaucanna, Texas.

We further recommend that those who are unable to attend school take a correspondence course, which can be had at very little expense.

Respectfully—IRA L. YEAGER
J. W. McKEITHEN.
P. A. SMART

INTENERANCY AND ORDER

We recommend that Richard M. Walker, John M. Stozier, H. H. Cantley and W. F. Ragsdale, having passed in the studies of the 3rd year be admitted into full membership in this Conference and be ordained as elders in the Church of God; and that the ordination service take place at the conclusion of the Conference Sermon on Friday morning.

2nd. That Miss Bessie Taylor be passed to the studies of the 3rd year.

3rd. That G. A. McVey be passed to the studies of the 3rd year, conditioned upon bringing up Divine Credentials and Preparation of Sermon.

4th. That J. A. Kendrick be passed to the studies of the 2nd year and that Miss Ocie Riley, not having brought up all the books, be retained in the 1st year class.

STEPHEN B. WILLIAMS
LULA WARDLOW
J. W. LEE

PERIODICALS

We suggest that our people, all who can, take one or both of our General Church Organs, The Methodist Protestant and The Methodist Recorder, and that all our Sunday Schools use our own literature.

We warn all people to guard their homes against the flood of immoral, ungodly, and tainted literature of the day, and to supply themselves with that class of reading that will grip the heart and mind and make for the moral and spiritual uplift of the reader.

J. A. RILEY
W. W. HARRIS
T. C. CRAWFORD

DR. T. H. LEWIS' LETTER

1st. In accordance with the order of the General Conference of 1924, there will be held some time in May 1926, a joint assembly of all the members of our General

Boards and of one Ministerial and one Lay Representative from each Annual Conference.

It is possible although not deffinately determined that this assembly will be held in Atlantic City, N. J.

I hope you will elect your representatives and more than one of each if you wish.

If the conference will raise the money sufficient to pay the expenses of the Lay Representative, I will see that the expenses of the Ministerial are paid out of the Contingent Fund. This must depend however on the Conference raising the money for the Lay Representative.

2nd. I request that you authorize the Secretary to print on the back out side of the minutes the resolution passed by the General Conference and to be found on the page 107 of the proceedings in its Journal, concerning the celebration of our denominational centennial.

3rd. I request you to commend to your pastors the use of the special services for Christmas, soon to be ready for free distribution and to take a collection to be credited to your General Conference Budget assessment. Sample copies of this service will be sent to all pastors and they can be ordered in such numbers as they desire and will be sent free of charge.

4th. I call attention of the Conference again to our General Conference plan for supplementary pastor's salaries. Any charge not now paying their pastor as much as five hundred dollars, who will promise to pay that amount and furnish him a parsonage, free of rent, on condition that the pastor give his whole time to their work, may receive an appropriation from our Ministerial Salary Relief Fund of one hundred dollars, so that he will receive six hundred dollars and a house. Fourteen men were thus assisted last year from five conferences, but no application was received from Louisiana.

5th. I am able to send a brother from another conference on a preaching tour through your conference without expense to you and no collections asked, if your President be authorized to prepare a schedule for him in early December, covering two Sabbaths and the intervening days, so that he may preach but once in each church and reach as many of your churches as possible.

This tour is purely for cultivating denominational

fellowship. I must be promptly informed of your action in this matter so I can arrange for it.

Fraternally,
THOMAS H. LEWIS
Pres. of the General Conference.

SISTER BARTLETT'S LETTER

To the Seventy-Ninth Session of the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Protestant Church:

Grace be unto you and the peace of God our Father from the Lord Jesus Christ.

Another year has closed with its hard fought battles.

I praise the Lord, my Savior, who giveth the victory and has carried me safely through each trial and hardship.

I am thankful to tell you that my dear boy is still on this side of the river, although he came near going this summer. He is weak and almost gives up the fight at times.

I desire that you hold up to the Throne of God in prayer, I am saying Amen to Jesus.

How I long to look into your dear faces once more, hear your good sermons and glad Hallelujahs.

You will never know what it means for me to be away from you and I mean to return to you some day.

I trust that you will allow my name to remain upon your roll of membership, for that is my heart's desire.

These years of trials and testings have been great but my experience is richer, deeper and sweeter than ever before. .

I am praying that the coming year may be your greatest in soul winning, and to the building up of our dear old Louisiana Conference.

Be true to God, love each other, and let the spirit of unity prevail. Then the God of love and peace will be with you.

Your True Sister,
M. E. BARTLETT
Phoenix, Arizona.

LAW CONCERNING UNORDAINED PREACHERS

1. An unordained preacher is not a member of an annual conference, except as a probationer. He has no vote and is amenable to the conference for the discharge of his official duties. He is amenable to the quarterly conference for his moral character.

2. An unordained preacher, (for the sake of brevity, our Discipline does not speak of an unordained preacher. It says "A minister is one who is ordained; a preacher acts under a license." Hence it is sufficient among us to speak of ministers and preachers.) A preacher, then must receive his appointment from the conference or from the president in the interim, and he is accountable to the conference for his acts.

3. A preacher who refuses to accept an appointment from the conference has no relation to the conference at all. He is only probationer when he fails an appointment, and if he does not fill any appointment he is not related to the conference any more than any other layman.

4. No preacher's name should appear on the roll of members. But preacher's accepted as probationers may be on a separate roll marked as such as long as they are filling appointments under the conference.

5. As I have said before a preacher has no right of any kind in relation to the conference. Consequently "Left without appointment" for one year or two years has no meaning in the case. This refers to the members of the conference.

6. It is optional for the committee or the conference to retain a preacher in the course of study. The law does not forbid this. It does forbid issuing a license to administer the ordinances to one who has failed to pass his studies.

Yours Very Truly,
T. H. LEWIS

President General Conference, Methodist Protestant Church.

**RESOLUTION OFFERED BY DR. STEPHEN B.
WILLIAMS**

WHEREAS—The discipline does not authorize the Stationing Committee to make appointments of members of this Conference to other than regular circuits and stations or established missions except by special act of the Conference.

We therefore request the committee to discontinue making such appointments.

GRATITUDE AND THANKS

We, the Louisiana Conference of the Methodist Church deem it a great privilege to hold the 79th annual session with the Monroe Church.

Resolved, 1st, that we express our gratitude and thanks to pastor and people for their unfailing attention as conference hosts.

Resolved, 2nd, that we express our thanks to Bro. Stephen B. Williams for the splendid address in which he extended to all a hearty welcome which was so loyally carried out by pastor and people.

As we go, we shall not forget to pray God's richest blessings upon you all.

MRS. T. O. HART
MISS OCIE RILEY
J. R. DOWNS

RULES OF ORDER

Section 1. The Conference shall be opened promptly on the day and time appointed, the President conducting the Devotional Services. The roll shall then be called, after which the President shall read the Annual Report.

Section 2. On the morning of the second day the names of all pastors and chairman of committees shall be called and as their names are called they shall deposit their report with the Secretary, said reports to be dispensed with properly.

Section 3. On assigning the floor to any member of the Conference he shall distinctly announce the member to whom it is assigned.

Section 4. All motions and resolutions shall be written, if the President and Secretary request.

Section 5. When a motion is seconded or a resolution introduced and seconded, or a report presented, and is read by the Secretary or is stated by the President, it shall be deemed in the possession of the Conference any time before the amendment or decision.

Section 6. All motions to postpone or lay on the table shall be taken without debate.

Section 7. No new motion or resolution shall be entertained until the one under consideration has been disposed of, which may be done by adopting or rejecting, unless one of the following motions shall intervene, which are placed namely: First, indefinite postponement; Second, laying on the table; Third, referred to a committee; Fourth, postponement to a given time; Fifth, substitute; Sixth, amendment. A substitute may be amended.

Section 8. When any member is about to speak in debate or to deliver any matter to the Conference, he shall arise and respectfully address the President, but shall not proceed until recognized by him.

Section 9. No member shall be interrupted while speaking except by the President, to call him to order when he departs from the question or uses personalities, or disrespectful language; but any member may call the atten-

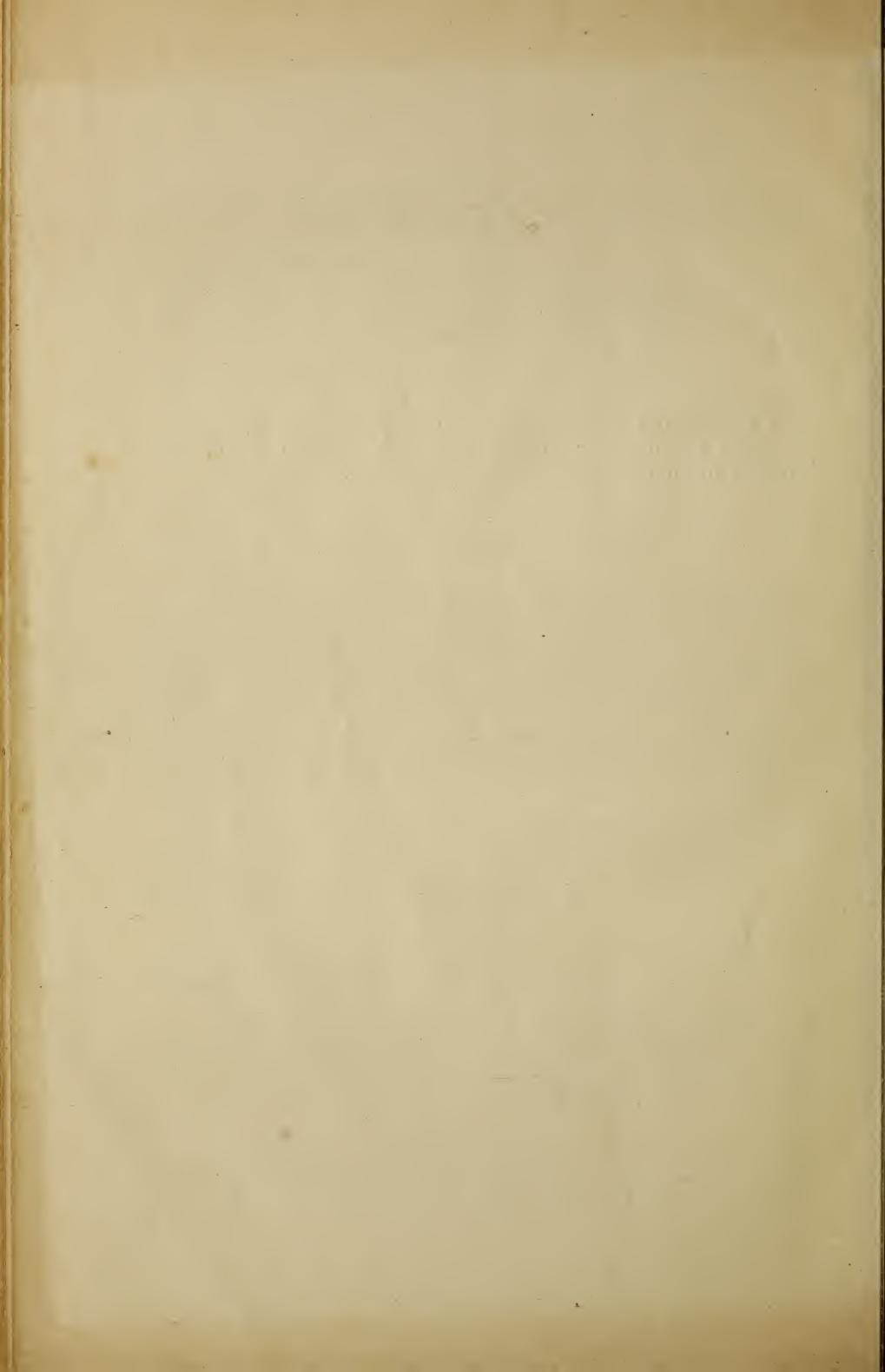


TABLE OF MEMBER

CHARGE	PASTORS	Number of Appointments				Number of Professions				Number of C. E. Societies			
		Members Reported last Year		Number of Additions		Present Membership		Number of Baptism ^E		Number of Sunday Schools		Number Officers and Teachers	
Arcadia.....	E. O. Hearn.....	4	164	4	.....	168	4	4	4	2	12	80	...
Ansley.....	J. W. Lee.....	2	140	15	5	150	15	11	11	2	9	57	...
Antioch.....		1	33	1	.....	34	1	1	1	2	2	8	68
Belah.....	G. J. L. Brown.....	3	166	3	40	129	3	2	2	2	2	8	68
Chatham.....	L. L. Yeager.....	2	160	3	2	163	6	1	1	2	2	10	60
Evergreen.....	R. M. Walker.....	4	159	15	3	171	4	16	4	18	4	90	...
Grayson.....	F. Lyman Shows.....	2	165	28	1	192	26	26	26	2	13	200	...
Jonesboro.....	M. E. Perdue.....	4	309	6	2	313	20	6	3	11	125	1	...
Jena.....	Ocie Riley.....	2	13	5	.....	18	1	1	1	1	5	30	...
Luna.....		1	46	1	1	46	1	1	1	1	9	85	1
Monroe.....	Stephen B. Williamson.....	1	71	22	17	76	.....	1	1	1	9	85	1
Oil City.....	M. E. Perdue.....	1	42	2	7	37	.....	2	1	1	6	42	...
Pollock.....	E. W. Corley.....	4	237	15	1	251	25	14	3	18	80	1	...
Pleasant Hill.....	G. J. L. Brown.....	3	79	3	.....	82	3	1	1	1	1	1	...
Queen City.....	B. F. Griffin.....	4	231	41	6	266	60	17	1	6	6	60	...
Rice.....	J. H. Lewis.....	4	136	4	4	136	.....	3	1	1	3	31	...
Roberts.....	W. W. Harris.....	1	64	.....	14	50	.....	1	1	1	6	54	...
Strickland.....	G. A. McVey.....	4	243	43	.....	286	96	43	4	12	200	2	...
Sardis.....													...
Sunrise.....	Mrs. S. A. Brady.....	1	30	1	.....	31	1	1	1	4	4	50	...
Urania.....	M. E. Perdue.....	1	68	6	1	73	7	4	1	6	6	60	1
West Carroll.....	J. R. Strozier.....	2	69	28	4	93	16	8	1	6	6	35	...
Welcome Home.....													...
Shiloh.....	Bessie Taylor.....	1	20	.....	.....	2	.....	1	2	2	2	25	...
Hicks.....	Lula Wardlow.....	1	142	10	7	145	6	6	6	6	6	60	...
Mt. Nebo.....	E. A. Dennard.....	2	118	.....	3	115	.....	1	1	1	6	60	...
Hollins' Chapel....	Lula Wardlow.....	1	19	1	.....	20	1	1	1	10	10	80	...
Total.....		53	2925	257	118	3056	298	165	36	180	680	8	...

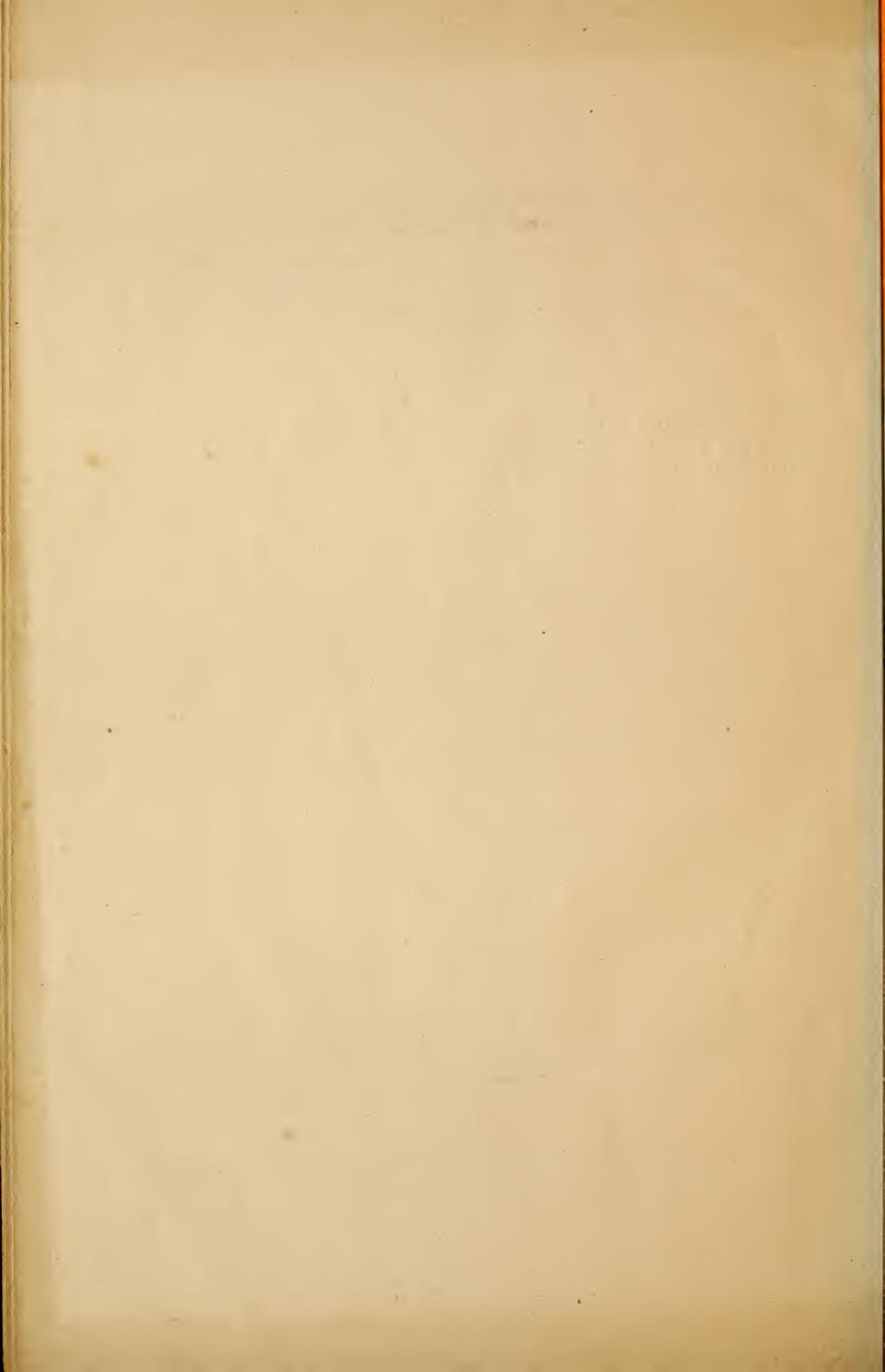


TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP AND PROPERTY

CHARGE	PASTORS	Number of Appointments												Value of Churches	Debt on Churches	Insurance on Churches	Number of Parsonage	Value of Parsonage	Debt on Parsonage	Insurance on Parsonage	Value of Other Property				
		Members Reported last Year			Number of Additions			Present Membership			Number of Professions			Number of Baptism ⁵			Number of Sunday Schools			Number Officers and Teachers					
Arcadia.....	E. O. Hearn.....	4	164	4	.....	168	4	4	2	12	80	.....	.....	3	\$	3,000.00	\$	.....	1	\$	1,250.00	\$250.00	\$
Ansley.....	J. W. Lee.....	2	140	15	5	150	15	11	2	9	57	.....	1	60	1,200.00	150.00	.....	1	600.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Antioch.....	.....	1	33	1	.....	34	.....	1	2	2	68	.....	1	15	1	15	1	3	2,450.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Belah.....	G. J. L. Brown.....	3	166	3	40	129	3	2	1	2	8	68	.....	.....	2	2,000.00	.....	2	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....
Chatham.....	I. L. Yeager.....	2	160	3	2	163	6	1	2	10	60	.....	.....	2	1,600.00	750.00	1	1,500.00	200.00	.....	.....	.....
Evergreen.....	R. M. Walker.....	4	159	15	3	171	4	16	4	18	90	.....	.....	2	5,500.00	245.00	3,500.00	1	1,000.00	.....	750.00	.....	.....
Grayson.....	F. Lymen Shows.....	2	165	28	1	192	26	26	2	13	200	2	99	1	12	2	46	4	4,500.00	1	1,000.00	
Jonesboro.....	M. E. Perdue.....	4	309	6	2	313	20	6	3	11	125	1	12	.....	.....	2	2,000.00	.....	1	2,000.00	.....	.....	.....
Jena.....	Ocie Riley.....	2	13	5	.....	18	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	800.00	.....	1	800.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Luna.....	.....	1	46	1	1	49	1	.....	1	5	30	.....	.....	1	5,000.00	.....	1	3,500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Monroe.....	Stephen B. Williamson.....	1	71	22	17	76	.....	1	9	85	1	35	1	8	1	14	1	700.00	.....	4	6,000.00	1,000.00	.....	
Oil City.....	M. E. Perdue.....	1	42	2	7	37	.....	2	1	6	42	.....	4	1	2,500.00	.....	3	2,500.00	.....	1	1,000.00	200.00	.....	
Pollock.....	E. W. Corley.....	4	237	15	1	251	25	14	3	18	80	1	15	1	12	4	3,800.00	.....	3	3,800.00	.....	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill.....	G. J. L. Brown.....	3	79	3	.....	82	3	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	3,000.00	.....	3	3,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Queen City.....	B. F. Griffin.....	4	231	41	6	266	60	17	1	6	60	.....	.....	3	4,000.00	.....	4	4,000.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Rice.....	J. H. Lewis.....	4	136	4	4	136	.....	3	1	3	31	.....	.....	2	1,250.00	.....	2	1,250.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Roberts.....	W. W. Harris.....	1	64	14	50	1	6	54	1	10	1	10	1	700.00	1	700.00	
Strickland.....	G. A. McVey.....	4	243	43	286	96	43	4	12	200	2	75	4	4,000.00	1	4,000.00	
Sardis.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1,100.00	.....	1	1,100.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sunrise.....	Mrs. S. A. Brady.....	1	30	1	31	1	1	4	50	1	20	1	20	1	1,200.00	1	350.00	
Urania.....	M. E. Perdue.....	1	68	6	1	73	7	4	1	6	60	1	80	1	10	1	1,500.00	1	300.00	1	300.00	
West Carroll.....	J. R. Strozier.....	2	69	23	4	93	16	8	1	6	35	1	10	1	10	1	2,000.00	1	1,250.00	
Welcome Home.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	500.00	.....	1	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Shiloh.....	Bessie Taylor.....	1	20	2	1	2	25	1	10	1	10	1	400.00	1	400.00	
Hicks.....	Lula Wardlow.....	1	142	10	7	145	6	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	12,700.00	650.00	750.00	11	12,700.00	650.00	750.00	350.00	350.00
Mt. Nebo.....	E. A. Dennard.....	2	118	3	115	1	6	60	1	10	1	10	1	2,000.00	1	1,250.00	
Hollins' Chapel.....	Lula Wardlow.....	1	19	1	.....	20	1	.....	1	10	80	.....	.....	1	500.00	.....	1	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	53	2925	257	118	3056	298	165	36	180	680	8	317	4	47	6	105	46	52,856.00	395.00	4,250.00	11	12,700.00	650.00	750.00

ERSHIP AND PROPERTY

TABLE OF FINANCE

CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY

4. CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY.—We heartily concur in the resolution to the Centennial Anniversary and recommend the adoption of the same. The paper is as follows:

"Whereas, The Methodist Protestant Church will have completed in 1928 an hundred years of independent history, and has achieved during this period worthy results in the cause of liberal Methodism and humanitarian progress; and

Whereas, We should acknowledge in a fitting manner the goodness of the Lord in leading us through the first century of our history without any wavering in the defense and preservation of our policy and principals, and with the constant joy of knowing that our Mutual-Rights Methodism by its very testimony, has leavened and liberalized in some degree the whole lump of American Methodism, besides the vastly greater service of winning tens of thousands to Christ at home and abroad during these first generations of our existance; therefore

Resolved, First, That a suitable celebration of this notable event be arranged through a Committee of seven members who shall report a program for the occasion through official channels, the President of the General Conference to be the Chairman of the Committee.

Resolved, Second, That this General Conference calls upon the Church to signalize the completion of our first century of development and of service to mankind, by raising in full the two million dollars of the quadrennial budget for our Miss onary and Educational interests, thus laying upon the alters of our sanctuaries at once a worthy memorial to the Fathers, and a pledge of fidelity to their faith by carrying forward the great cause they established in the earth."

5. With reference to the resolution on a membership goal. We recommend that this Conference set a goal, to mark the end of our 100 years as a denomination, a net increase in membership of 20 per cent, and further that the formation of such plans, as may be wise, looking to this goal be committed to the Budget Council to be in harmony with other Forward Movement ideas and plans already delegated to said Council.

6. We recommend that the Assistant Secretary of this Conference be designated as "Statistical Secretary" and that to him be committed such duties as belong to such office.

7. Believing that for the sake of uniformity alone it would be desirable, but conviced that it tends to denominational efficiency in bringing the Church to a larger consciousness of its privileges and obligations in the local work of the Conference, we recommend:

That this General Conference earnestly request each Annual Conference, not now so directing its work, to elect a traveling President for authority and supervision over the District. Further, that in such Conferences where the office of Traveling President seems prohibited because of financial limitations, the President of the General Conference be authorized, on the request of such Conference in his feeling that if we can succeed in consolidating such an office, drawing upon the Contingent Fund as he may think wise, and securing resources elsewhere if he thinks it desirable and possible.